



**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application:	)	
Brunner, et al.	)	Examiner: Krishnan Menon
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Serial No.: 09/820,274	)	Group Art Unit: 1723
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Title: Multi-Component Filter Design	)	Conf. No.: 1690

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3-4, 16-22, and 24-27.

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 8, 12-13, 23, and 31-32 to read as follows (See also

Appendix A)

*Li + P211* 1. (Amended) A multi-component liquid filter, comprising:

*A1* a first filter element defining a surface having a finite surface contact area, said first filter element being configured to selectively remove a first contaminant from a liquid when contacted therewith; and

a second filter element disposed in fluid communication with said first filter element, said second filter element having a pleated surface, said pleated surface having a surface contact area greater than said surface contact area of said first filter

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1, 2, & 11 on Proulx 759.